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FORMER LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO COUNTY SUPERVISOR PLEADS GUILTY IN CORRUPTION CASE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that J. TYLER REVES, 35, formerly of Stockton, the former legislative aide to LYNN G. BEDFORD, pleaded guilty to making a false statement to FBI agents in U.S. District Court in Sacramento today. The offense carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of investigators from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Benjamin B. Wagner and Patrick K. Hanly, who are prosecuting the case, defendant REVES in his plea of guilty admitted that he lied to FBI agents who interviewed him in July, 2002. Specifically, he was asked whether he had known in 2001, at the time of a resolution passed by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors condemning a plant to be built by Calpine, that his associate, McFALL, had a business relationship with Calpine's rival, Sunlaw Energy Corporation. REVES denied any knowledge of McFALL's business relationship with Sunlaw, which statements REVES now admits were false.

Three other defendants in the case have already pleaded guilty. N. ALLEN SAWYER, 36, of Stockton, the former Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning, pleaded guilty on January 11, 2005, to one count of honest services mail fraud. On January 13, 2005, T. BAXTER DUNN, 57, the elected Sheriff of San Joaquin County, pleaded guilty to one count of honest services mail fraud, and LYNN G. BEDFORD, 67, pleaded guilty to one count of making false statements. The last remaining defendant in the case is MONTE D. McFALL, 58, of Lathrop. Trial in the case is scheduled to commence January 26, 2005, before U.S. District Court Judge Morrison C. England, Jr., and is expected to last several weeks.

The United States Attorney's Office noted that an indictment is only an accusation, and that McFALL is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.